

WO-376

c. 1873

Dr. John T. Parker House
Stockton
Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: DR. JOHN T. PARKER HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WO-376

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-376

Magi No.

DOE ☐yes ☐no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DR. JOHN T. PARKER HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number North side of MD Route 366 ☐ not for publication

city, town Stockton ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Arthur and Dorothy Payne

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Stockton state and zip code MD 2121864

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber WCL 1020

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 524

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Dr. John T. Parker house is located on the north side of the Pocomoke/Stockton Road (MD Route 366) in the small village of Stockton, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame dwelling faces south with the main gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1873, this two-and-a-half story, center hall frame dwelling, supported on a raised common bond brick foundation, is sheathed uniformly with aluminum siding, and the steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A two-story service wing extends to the rear.

The south (main) elevation is a basically symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The heavily molded four-panel front door is flanked by two-light sidelights and a two-light transom. Sheltering the entrance is a single-bay gabled stoop. The flanking sash windows have decorated lintels and louvered shutters. Lighting the second floor are three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows also hung with louvered shutters and trimmed with decorated lintels. In contrast to the first floor windows, the second floor openings have slightly arched headers as well. Framing the corners of the house are narrow pilasters. Centered on the steeply pitched roof is a center cross gable pierced by a round arched two-over-two sash window. The extended eaves to the house are decorated by brackets. Piercing the roof is a pair of interior brick chimneys that flank the center hall.

The east gable end is enhanced by a single story five-sided bay window pierced by segmental arched single-pane sash window openings. The cornice is decorated with brackets and Victorian trim. A single two-over-two sash window retaining louvered shutters marks the second floor, and a round arched window illuminates the attic.

The west gable end is treated in a plainer manner with pairs of two-over-two sash windows lighting each floor, and a rounded arched window pierces the gable end.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant/Worcester Co. date 11/4/89

street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 301-651-1094

city or town Westover state MD 21871

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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DR. JOHN T. PARKER HOUSE
Stockton, Maryland
Chain of title

WCL 1020/524

John T. P. Dryden
Emily D. Russell

to

9/19/1984

Arthur L. Payne, Jr.
Dorothy D. Payne

See deed of exchange 2/10/1984
WCL 949/527

DEED OF EXCHANGE
WCL 949/527

Whereas Dryden and Russell are the owners
of a certain parcel of land...by virtue
of a deed from John T. P. Dryden and Emily
D. Russell, representatives of the estate
of Mary P. Dryden

2/10/1984

WCL 936/458

John T. P. Dryden and Emily D. Russell,
Personal Representatives of the estate of
Mary Parker Dryden

to

1983

John T. P. Dryden
Emily D. Russell

202/564

E. Ronae Coulbourn

to

3/18/1966

George Ewell Dryden
Mary ~~Parker~~ Dryden

(George E. Dryden died on or about
January 27, 1975)

202/562

Mary ~~Parker~~ Dryden
George Ewell Dryden

to

3/18/1966

E. Ronae Coulbourn

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DR. JOHN T. PARKER HOUSE
Stockton, Maryland
Chain of title continued

O.D.C. 20/353

John T. Parker

to

10/26/1915

Maud deWaal Parker
upon the death of the said Maud
deWaal Parker in the year 1923
intestate the property descended by
operation of law unto the said Mary
Parker Dryden as her only her at law

ITM 2/220

Samuel Q. Collins
Octavia M. Collins

to

6/20/1872

John T. Parker
\$715.00 ...in the town of Sandy Hill
or Stockton...

ITM 2/57

George W. Covington
Sallie B. Covington
and George W. Bishop

to

1/26/1872

Samuel Q. Collins
1 acre--being part of the farm devised
to said Sallie B. Covington by last will
and testament of George Bishop, deceased



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Stockton, Worcester County, Maryland

Girdletree, MD-VA Quadrangle

1966